

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Office of Legislative Counsel

2 October 1978

Dear Mr. McCone,

Walt Elder has been so kind as to offer to arrange a meeting for me with you, and suggested that I write you outlining what I want to discuss.

In the deposition that you gave to the investigator from the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) you recalled having known an Agency employee by the name of Maurice Bishop. We have been asked to declassify a portion of your deposition in which this statement is recorded and will do so because it contains nothing that can be considered classified.

The Agency has no records that anyone with the name of Maurice Bishop, or Morris Bishop, was ever employed by CIA. Nor do we have any record of that name being an approved alias or pseudonym for any Agency employee. I would like to bring out for your review copies of photographs of all Agency employees whose last name is Bishop in the hopes that you might recognize one of those persons. That is the only purpose for my wanting to see you.

The significance of the name Maurice (Morris) Bishop is that allegations have been made that a man by that name, supposedly a CIA employee, was involved with a Cuban anti-Castro group in Dallas, Texas during the period preceding the assassination of President Kennedy. That group, known as Alpha-66, was not one of those organizations supported by the Agency, although I understand that it may have had support from another US Government agency. The allegations have assumed some significance in the minds of the HSCA investigators, the full nature of which is not known to us. To the extent that we can ascertain the facts on the matter we can speak with some confidence on our knowledge. Your assistance in this would be most helpful. Walt will try to arrange a meeting between us some time next week. I probably will be accompanied by someone from the Office of the General Counsel.

It is hoped this does not inconvenience you. Look forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely,

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